Overstafling in public sector offices

†3044A. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector in India suffers from over-manning to the extent of 25 to 30 per cent; if not, what is the Government's assessment in this regard;

(b) whether any international agency has submitted any report to Government in this regard; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to eliminate this over-manning in a phased manner?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The overall percentage of overmanning has not been assessed. But as per information available, 31 public sector enterprises have reported that 50,287 employees are surplus to their requirements, 86 public sector enterprises have no surplus and the remaining 92 public sector enterprises have not yet identified surplus staff.

(b) Government is not aware of any such report.

(c) Government have formulated a voluntary retirement scheme for implementation by the public sector enterprises. On implementation of this scheme surplus manpower can be gradually reduced.

Measures for loss making public undertakings

†3044B. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested drastic measures for loss making public undertakings in the Eighth Plan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the White Paper on PSUs is likely to contain the suggestion of the Planning Commission to close unviable and sick units and whether the revised draft of the White Paper has been approved by the Planning Commission; and

(c) what are the guidelines for the 1988-89 annual plan of the PSUs and whether their allocation will be drastically cut, if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Eighth Plan is still in the formulation stage and it is pre-mature for the Planning Commission to suggest any measure for the loss making public sector undertakings.

(b) The White Paper is still under finalisation.

(c) The Annual Plan 1988-89 is on the verge of completion. Suitable outlays on public sector undertakings requiring plan funds were provided after indepth discussions.

12.00 NOON

RE. HAPPENINGS IN TAMIL NADU

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I want to raise what happened in the Tamil Nadu Assembly. .. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM (Tamil Nadu): Under what rule, Sir? On a point of order...Nobody was assaulted.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, we have asked for a Special Mention.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the Members... Please take your seats. (*Interruptions*)

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